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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER BOARD DECISION

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the new ground of rejection in the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated October 31, 2001, and Office Action Summary dated March 5, 2002, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (amended) A purified peptide designated p53as peptide which peptide is present in p53as protein of a mammal and is identical to the unique carboxy terminal region of p53as which distinguishes p53as protein from p53 protein, said peptide containing a unique epitope which is not present in p53 said peptide containing a peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of SPNC (SEQ. ID #6) and SPPC (SEQ. ID #7).